

Biblical Purpose and Plan for Creation

I. Living out God's Design - _____

A. Humans were created to fulfill the _____.

Genesis 1:26-28²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.²⁸ God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

1. The Purpose - Bring _____ to God by bearing his image and likeness accurately. Be a visible representative of the invisible God.

_____ – **Heb 6754** – "a phantom, illusion, resemblance; a representative figure, especially an idol...a masculine noun meaning an image, a likeness, a statue, a model, a drawing, a shadow. The means image or likeness; its most celebrated theological and anthropological use was to depict human beings as made in God's own image. People continue to be in His image even after the Fall, although the image is marred."¹

_____ – **Heb 1823** – "resemblance, concrete model, shape. This word is used in describing humans as being created in the image or likeness of God."²

2. The Plan – Bring God's _____ in to the world through our involvement in his kingdom.

a. Be fruitful and _____ . *Gen 1:28*

b. _____ over creation and exercise dominion on God's behalf over the created world.

_____ – to control or direct; exercise dominating power, authority, or influence over; govern.¹

_____ - the power or right of governing and controlling; sovereign authority.³

¹ Key Word Study Bible, Hebrew Lexicon for 6754

² Key Word Study Bible, Hebrew Lexicon for 1823

³ <http://dictionary.reference.com/>

c. _____ the world. *1 Cor 9:27*

_____ - to conquer and bring into subjection; to overpower by superior force; overcome; to bring under mental or emotional control; render submissive; to repress (feelings, impulses, etc.)

3. Kingdom Building _____ – (follow along on the back of diagram sheet)
- a. **Majestic King gained power and built his empire /kingdom that represented his awesome glory.**
 - b. **Visible representatives of an invisible king**
 - c. **Be fruitful and multiply**
 - d. **Subdue passions, insurrection, and disorder to be orderly subordinates of the King's authority**
 - e. **Rule and exercise dominion over conquered land on behalf of the High King.**
 - f. **Power/Authority**

4. According to your _____ role (vs 27)

A. Human men were designed to uniquely image God _____, providing, and protecting in the endeavor to fulfill the Creation Mandate. *Gen 2:15-17*

B. Human women were designed to image God by _____ accomplish that goal. *Gen 2:18*

Living out our design as women is an _____, because it represents God in a special way. *Psalm 33:20, Psalm 70:5, Psalm 28:7*

“Ezer’ (5828) is a masculine noun which means help, support. It can also refer to a helper or one who assists and serves another with what is needed. ‘Ezer’ refers to aid or assistance that is given, whether material or immaterial. It is often Jehovah who helps His people. Jehovah is called the shield or protection of Israel's help. The Septuagint translates ‘azar’ (an associated word) most often conveys the general idea of running to the aid of one who cries out for help.”⁴

5. Uniting for efficiency through _____ roles in marriage

A. Marriage provides a companionable _____ with unity and purpose in completing the Creation Mandate. *Gen 2:15-17, Gen 2:18, Gen 2:24*

⁴ Quoted from http://www.preceptaustin.org/hebrew_word_study_on_help.htm#ezer

B. Marriage provides unconditional love and _____, imaging God the Father's and Jesus the Son's love and acceptance of us. *Gen 2:25*

C. Marriage allows us to _____ the completion of the Creation Mandate efficiently under biblical authority structures. *Ephesians 5:22-28*

D. Marriage allows us to image Christ's intimate relationship with the _____ vividly. *Eph 5:29-33*

6. Generationally _____ God's purpose and plan through families

A. The family creates a secure and stable foundation from which new _____ can enter the world. *Gen 1:28*

B. Family provided the relationship, safety, direction, and provision for receiving and _____ replicating God's purpose for humans. *Deut 4:4-9, Deut 6:4-9, Eph 6:1-4*

C. All family members worship, work, and are educated full-time _____ in their home to fulfill God's mission for themselves and the created world. *Col 3:12-17*

D. Each member is working together for a _____, common vision under the leadership of the husband/daddy (if present). *Col 3:18-21*

II. Living According to Our Own Design – _____

Rom 1:18-21 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, [g] in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

A. _____ of bearing God's image, humans wanted to be like gods themselves, defining good and evil and deciding what was wise for themselves. *Gen 3:4-7*

B. Instead of honoring and worshipping God by bearing his image, humans _____ the Creator and began worshipping the things He created. *Rom 1:21*

C. Instead of blessing the earth through their involvement with it, humans brought a _____ on all of creation and all humans, past, present, and future. *Gen 3:17-18*

1. Instead of work being a blessing, now their work was laborious and _____.
Gen 3:19, Gen 3:16

2. Instead of subduing all of creation under God's wise ordinances, now humans were ruled by _____ and lusts that ruined them. *Romans 1:24-27*

3. Instead of ruling over the created earth for God's glory, now humans use their authority to rule over and _____ others through violence. *Gen 3:28-32*

4. The greatest part of the curse is that the Creator now has _____ against all of his rebellious creation and has pronounced a death sentence over it all. *Rom 1:18-21, Romans 5:18, Romans 5:19, Romans 6:23, Genesis 3:24*

III. Rescuing the Design – _____

A. Jesus, the perfect God Man, is the _____ human that has been able to live according to the purpose God commanded for all humans.

1. **Jesus glorified** God by bearing his image and likeness _____ - He is the perfect visible representative of the invisible God. *John 1:14, Col 1:19, Hebrews 1:3*

2. Jesus brought God's _____ into the world through his perfect life and substitutionary death, satisfying God's wrath, breaking the power of the curse of sin, and paying the penalty for sin. *Romans 5:6-11, Phil 2:5-9*

B. Jesus is the _____ human that has ever enacted God's plan. This enabled humans to be bought back to their original purpose.

1. **Be fruitful and multiply** – *John 15: 1-11, Gal 2:20, II Cor 3:18, Rom 8:28-29*

2. **Rule and have dominion** – *Luke 22: 39-44, I Peter 2:9-10, II Cor 5:20*

3. Subdue the world - *Matthew 4:1-11, Gal 5:22-23*

IV. Restoring the Design – _____

A. Jesus will _____ to earth one day as the High King over all creation.

1. Jesus will glorify by God _____ the mission the Father has given him. *Rev 4:10-5:14*

2. Jesus will bring God's permanent _____ into the world by judging rebellious creations, creating a new heaven and earth, and installing his permanent, visible kingdom. *Rev 19:1-5, Rev 20:11-15, Rev 21:1-4, Rev 22:1-5*

B. Humans will be _____ to their original created purpose.

1. Be fruitful and multiply – *Rev 19:6-10*

2. Rule and have dominion - *Rev 20:4-6, 2 Tim 2:11-13, Rev 22:4*

3. Subdue the world - *1 Cor 6:2, 3*

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